

Kappa Theta Entertains Sigma Iota Kappa at Winter Banquet

The women of Kappa Theta were hostesses to many guests at their winter-themed banquet held December 10 in the college dining room.

Betty Meier, acting as Mistress of Ceremonies, introduced President Hartman, who offered the blessing. The Kappa Theta welcome speech was extended by Diane Johnson, vice-president of the club. Bob Rentfro, president of Sigma Iota Kappa, responded by proposing a toast to all present.

Immediately following the banquet the guests retired to the auditorium for the remainder of the evening's entertainment. The auditorium was decorated with glittering snowflakes, wispy, floating clouds, and two backdrops depicting winter scenes.



Betty Meier, Mistress of Ceremonies, speaks a word of welcome to Kappa Theta's guests, the men of Sigma Iota Kappa. Seated at the table is Charlene Specht.

The program consisted of a girls' double trio singing "Winter Wonderland," a reading, "How to Get Married," by Sally Saturley, a clarinet duet, "Diane" by Janet Tucker and Marilyn Millard, and "White Christmas," sung by Wretha Griffin. A Christmas Cartoon and a feature-length film, "Father Was a Bachelor," concluded the entertainment.

The crowning moment of the evening came when Sigma Iota Kappa and Kappa Theta, represented by Bob Rentfro and Verlene Nesmith, presented Karen Hennig with a gift certificate for a motorized wheel chair.

Recent Election Fills Next Semester Offices

Sam Armstrong and Douglas Edleman were chosen to lead out in Sabbath School activities for the second semester in elections held December 7.

Other Sabbath School officers elected were Secretaries Geri Brethouwer and Sue Woodard, Pianists Bob Bockman and Bill Bromme, and Choristers Jim Upchurch and Bud Siebenlist.

Chosen as leader for the Foreign Service Band was Ed Stacey. Bob Chase was elected assistant leader.

Students to Present Week of Prayer

Oakwood College is Host to Seventh Annual Workshop

Five delegates from Union College attended the seventh annual Intercollegiate workshop held at Oakwood College from December 5-8. Representing Union were Harold Heath, ASB vice-president; Robert Beck, chairman of the Religious Life committee; Hubert Watkins, editor of the 1957 *Golden Cords*; Carlos Swanson, editor of the *Clock Tower* and Dr. L. W. Welch, dean of student affairs.

The workshop was attended by delegates from the nine eastern Seventh-day Adventist colleges in the United States and Canada. Five general sessions which all the convention members attended were held throughout the workshop. The remainder of the discussion periods were devoted to sectional conferences. These conferences were held for each of four basic subdivisions; administrative, religious, yearbook and student newspaper, with the in-



Union's representatives to this year's intercollegiate workshop, Bob Beck, Carlos Swanson, Hubert Watkins, and Dr. Lowell W. Welch standing; and Harold Heath seated, discuss results of meetings held at Oakwood college.

dividual representatives from each school attending the meeting of their special interest. These meetings took into consideration the technical and mechanical aspects of the specialized topics.

Harold Heath, who attended the administrative section stated that he was impressed with the need for a closer student faculty relationship to effectively carry out objectives and that he had gained a better understanding of our own student association by explaining it to other groups.

A feeling that there is a general

need in our denominational schools to develop individual responsibility and initiative for maintenance of personal integrity and honesty in the student body was expressed by Robert Beck after sitting in on the discussions of the religious section.

The entire delegation stated that they felt a personal sense of unity and fellowship with students of our sister colleges had been gained and that the participation and cooperation of the entire student body is important to the achievement and progress of the school.

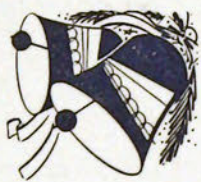
"Love on Fire" is Theme of MV Sponsored Project

"Love on Fire" is the theme for the coming student Week of Prayer, January 6-11, sponsored by the Missionary Volunteer Society of Union College.

The purpose of this week of devotion is to provide a time for the entire student body and faculty to renew their consecration and to gain a deeper experience in Christ, states Sherwood Jones, MV leader and one of the general coordinators of the week.

Meetings will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the convocation period, with evening meetings Sunday through Friday at 6:40. All services will be conducted in the church.

Students taking part during the week are Don Houghton, Sunday evening speaker, subject—"Frozen Embers;" Coriena Lowry, Monday chapel, "Not Enough Fuel;" Laurel Peterson, Monday evening, "Love at Work;" Carl Bauer, Tuesday evening, "Fear on Fire;" Harold Brewer, Wednesday chapel, "Strange Fire;" Nathan Sims, Wednesday evening, "Love at Worship;" Sherwood Jones, Thursday evening, "Flaming Fingers;" Kenneth Cox, Friday chapel, "Fighting the Flame;" and Harold Heath, Friday evening, "Mirrored Love."



Christmas..Past..Present..Future

by Sally Nugent

A red glow blankets the city in snowy mist, collegiate footprints in the snow are purple-toned. Clock Tower shadows are crimson—or black, the bell is about to carol the hour of one (the traditional time for a visit of the spirit of Christmases past).

Has mankind, charity, benevolence been your business? Have you forgotten some of the childhood happiness, the faith in people, the goodwill towards them? Christmases past were blizzard times, happy times, black times. Do you recall them? Remember when you were the first one awake in your household on the morning of the 25th and tippytoed down to the living room where the tinsled tree shrouded mysterious shapes and packages in the gray early morning light?

Where beneath this collection of memory fineries is the essence of the holiday—the essence of the spirit of giving and love? Look through the tinsel to the tree and think of another old, scarred tree—fly back even farther, to a manger ringing with the cry of a Holy Infant. Let your reach touch straw and a dirty floor. Do you hear the gentle mooing of cows? Look at a Christmas star and thrill at the thought of that angel star, singing through eons, one Saviour, born to bear the sins of the world. The

season sings a song of Christmases past.

To reality it celebrates the present hour! for romance and dreamers—it is a dream. A dream in color seen where we walk. Man lies curled warmly in a rich womb of wholesome beauty, reaching out for what? The crowds that pass bear the banner "Searchers." They walk about in a pot of gold with empty pans clutched in their hands. But these are few, there is another larger crowd that happily salt the tail of the great bird, "Found." With the singing of the "Messiah," the gentle touch of virgin snow, a beautifully painted South hall window that sends warm lights out across the snow, with the sound of black, windplucked trees—the meaning, the feeling, the spirit of Christmas is sensed.

In the whorls of angels' hair, carefully placed, in silvered stars, tissue snowmen, bright paper, is a part of the whole. There is a spicy smell of the Christmas tree, the richness of fellowship, and warmth to all. Every man has an equal chance to hang his stocking for switches or for fruit; this is a time of grace in years of grace.

Now, while you may still bask in the Christmases past, still plan and hold out your arms to Christmas present, give a bit of serious

thought to the future Christmases which three bells carol for an impressionable lesson. There may be no Clock Tower to strike the hours in your distant future. What will you have to give then? What will be the memories stacked and labeled "Yuletides Past?" Who will be at your side to sing the "Silent Nights," "Noel" and "God Rest Ye Merry?" Pleasant speculations these, hopeful, but solemn.

May the words "to give" be placed like a gold star at the top of your holiday impressions. Symbols of quality, the words "to give" should inspire such a holy interpretation of the act, show the infinity of such an ethical spirit, that he who utters, "Let me give" will become transformed to a communicant doing justice to this act. Spend the minute and the day and the year in reaching—in walking down to meet a man, or up to see a man who's coming down to you. As you know the depths of one man's suffering, suckle uncomplainingly any thin head with sore lips, sharp teeth and dirty, trembling hands. Know any man's suffering, give him strength, join him, retaining but one cleanliness—to love, still, to give.

A merry Christmas (present) and many kind bricks with which to build happy Christmases future!

Parties Feature Pizza, Basketball on Class Night



Joanne Rosenthal, Bob Scott, Kathy Mount and Carolyn Spring prepare to cut and serve pizza pie to the senior class on party night. Other party features were a freshman-sophomore basketball game and a musical program for the juniors.

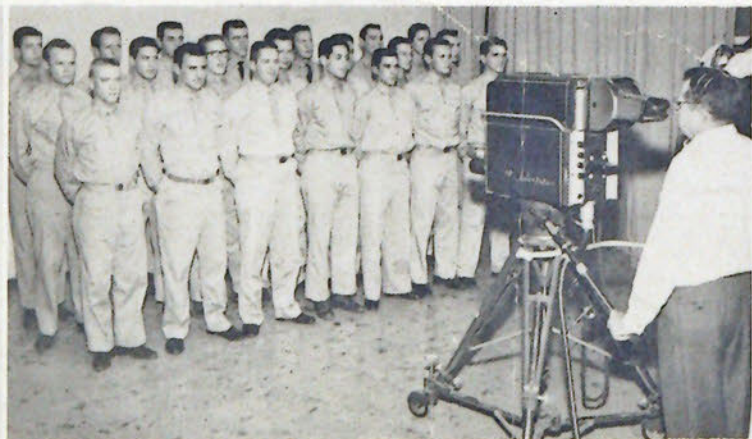
COMING EVENTS

- Friday, December 21**
 - 5:02 p.m. Sunset
 - 7:45 p.m. Vespers
- Saturday, December 22**
 - 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School
 - 11:00 a.m. Communion Service
 - 4:32 p.m. Sunset Vespers
- Friday, December 28**
 - 5:06 p.m. Sunset
 - 7:45 p.m. Vespers, Elder J. D. Smith
- Saturday, December 29**
 - 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School
 - 11:00 a.m. Church Service, Elder J. D. Smith
 - 4:36 p.m. Sunset Vespers
- Friday, January 4**
 - 9:35 a.m. Chapel, Dr. Reinmuth
 - 5:12 p.m. Sunset
 - 7:45 p.m. Vespers
- Saturday, January 5**
 - 8:30 a.m. First Church Service
 - 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School
 - 11:00 a.m. Second Church Service
 - 2:00 p.m. MV Activity Bands
 - 8:00 p.m. Alumni Association program
- Monday, January 7**
 - 9:35 a.m. Chapel, Student Week of Prayer
- Wednesday, January 9**
 - 9:35 a.m. Chapel, Student Week of Prayer
- Friday, January 11**
 - 9:35 a.m. Chapel, Student Week of Prayer

College Holiday Season Features Music Programs



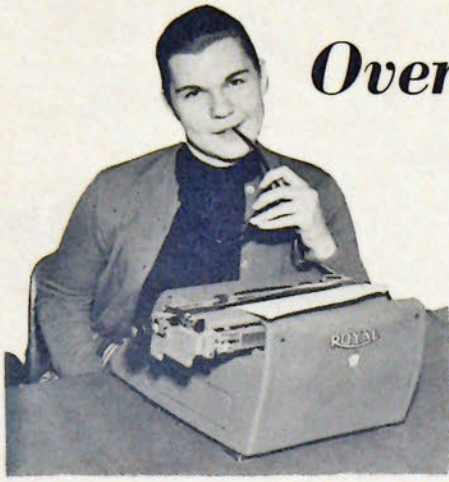
Don Runyan and Jackie Schimke, tenor and alto soloists in the Union College presentation of Handel's "Messiah" sing "O Death, Where is Thy Sting." Nearly 1000 heard the performance given Friday, December 14, at the Union College auditorium.



The KOLN-TV careman prepares to "take one" of the Union College male chorus in the production of "A Soldier's Christmas," Sunday, December 9. This program written by Don Dick was the first original, hour long, dramatic show ever seen on KOLN-TV. Other performers besides the chorus were the Tripleaires, the Beltones, Wretha Griffin, soloist, and Opal Wheeler and Curtis Dale, mother and son in the story.



The annual fall concert of the Union College band, Saturday, December 15, featured Bonnie Reynolds, clarinetist, and Bob Romans, cornetist. Bonnie played Rimsky-Korsakof's "Clarinet Concerto" and Bob played "Grand Russian Fantasia."



Overheard--

North

by Sally Nugent

In the parlor of North Hall a large frosted tree glows blue and silver, outside a nearby window are blue shadows on silver glistening snow. Christmas is a time when we acknowledge the beauty of winter nature. We bring a little inside and find that we then have good will, kindness and warmth to decorate our spirits.

Girls are as enthusiastic as Christmas tree bubble lights to paint the UC picture to relatives and friends at home. There'll be banquet talk, a proud description of "A Soldier's Christmas," a tale of the "Messiah" presentation and band concert, perhaps of ingathering and caroling, parties,—all manner of talk to be shared at last by the grind-weary collegiate.

To **Shirley Brockman** and **Joanne Rosenthal** who'd like to carry a little more weight, Christmas home politics should provide an opportune chance.

One day our dean was lamenting because she wouldn't have white to complete her delightful holiday plans (to Florida to spend Christmas with ex-UC songbird, **Daina Ramey**) and the next day the snow blew from north, south, the other two directions, from up and from down. She'll have a Christmas sandwich of sunshine between thick slices of snow and ice (s).

There may be an interesting before and after for **Bill Wilson**, too—right now he seems to be looking forward to two weeks of skiing. Wonder how he'll feel at the end of it? He should feel especially homesick when fellow southerners, **Sarah Anders**, **Joan Picou** and **Nancy McPhail** come back with recollections of pine and holly trees, warm breezes, poinsetta bushes and a plague of mistletoe. But don't weaken, **Bill**, think of the possibility of rain and fog in old Baton Rouge, La.

In this previously mentioned group of southland goers will be **Lena Navis**, who will spend the holidays with **Sara Anders**. Not a stranger to the bayou country, Lena colported there last summer.

Today, copy is already a day late, there are eight more shopping days until Christmas, one glow candle has burned out and North hall begins to burn another by the blue-baubled tree in the lobby. This is the 12th day of Christmas with a few partridges and snow covered pear trees—that is about all the interest I can beat out for today, but ! ! ! when you read this CT, twill be the day of vacation, with hilarity at its height. There will be more suitcases in the elevator, hall and lobby than will ever go into cars that all seem to have 7½ riders already. Quote **Joan Frederickson**: "They'll have to use a can opener to get us out!"

Bob Whitsett: "We could put some one on the floor to operate the pedals."

Now, look there, under the table where the other CT's are piled—ice skates and sandwiches (paper bag with grease spots, anyway). You'd think this lobby took pride in trying to outdo the confusion of past Christmas holidays. Snow crunches on the porch, muddies the rug in the foyer and makes dark watery footprints on the floor. There are hatboxes, food boxes, purses, coats, boots, books, (oh, yes, we know—this time someone is really going to use those books and get some studying done over the holidays). There is about three times as much paraphernalia as needed for a Christmas holiday.

"Twas the noon before going
And all through the hall
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Rebok Studies Program of Ministerial Trainees

Elder D. E. Rebok, one of the General Conference associate secretaries, has been a guest at Union College for the past week. The purpose of Elder Rebok's visit was to study and explain the new denominational ministerial training program with the students and teachers. He is scheduled to visit all of our denominational colleges this winter.

He spoke to the ministerial students on two occasions, explaining to them the General Conference plan for those taking up the ministry. Every night during the week he spoke in the College View church on the subject, "The Spirit of Prophecy," emphasizing the consistency of Mrs. White's writings with the Bible.

UC'ers Assist Omahans in Missions Promotion

Approximately 150 students and teachers from Union College assisted the Omaha Seventh-day Adventist churches in their ingathering for missions on Tuesday night, December 11.

Nearly 2000 contacts were made as \$525 was collected toward the \$16,000 goal for which Union College and the College View church are jointly responsible.

Organized by the Religious Life committee, these students and teachers not only solicited money for the world-wide Adventist missions program, but also tried to leave a spiritual Christmas message in each home as a witness of their faith, according to Elder Leif Kr. Tobiassen, committee chairman.

Spanish Classes to Vacation in Mexico

On December 18, a bus load of young people left this campus and headed south on their trip to Mexico. Twenty-six students plus two drivers and Miss Pearl L. Hall are making the trip which is arranged by Miss Hall for all Spanish classes.

Stops will be made at Enterprise Academy, Southwestern Junior College, and San Antonio to visit the Alamo and la Villita on the way to Montemorelos, Mexico, and the Adventist school located there.

Activities in Mexico will include trips to Horsetail Falls and Huasteca Canyon; market shopping and general sight-seeing. Food will vary from oranges directly off the trees to dinner at Sanborn's the finest restaurant in the city. Christmas will be celebrated on the school campus.



For You Karen



Karen Hennig, a freshman secretarial student was the recent recipient of a new motorized wheel chair. The gift from the two dormitory clubs was made possible by uniting their fund raising efforts and by eliminating the individual gift exchanges in the separate dormitories.

by Jeannine Sarlandie

One night as I slept, I suddenly seemed to see unrolled before me an immaculate white parchment. A glorious light was shining so brightly on the scroll that I could see only the part which lay directly in front of my eyes. I rose on my elbow to see better. There was my name! Breathlessly I glanced at the black characters below. I realized how important my temptations, doubts, and victories were to my Saviour. And then, I made out the name, Karen Hennig!

There was a long, long list of deeds beneath it. How much good it did my heart as I started to read some of them. A heading directed my attention. You remember, don't you, Karen, August 8, 1952? The Lord allowed you to be tested. You were struck with poliomyelitis; and yet, among your list of recollections and thanksgiving for that year, I read the following: "The happiest things have happened to me this year. . . the luckiest things. . . I have had many happy moments to remember this year. . . You passed the test with honors.

Here I read that you were the salutatorian in your senior year of high school. You won the church scholarship. You received a very high rating in the state merit examination. You placed third in the state out of 1,230 typists and sixth out of 761 stenographers. Your four year's average scholarship was 92.4. The fact that you liked to sing solos in church was pleasant to our Lord, too. He is proud of your am-

bition to be a secretary. He is delighted to see how successfully you are developing the talents and aptitudes He gave you.

He knew what He was doing when He gave you a scholarship from the Nebraska Association of churches. Now it is our turn here at Union College to praise God for having sent you here. We had to let you know, dear Karen, how much you help us. What could we do in return? To give you back the blessings we receive from you would not be an easy matter.

So the family here on the campus decided to present you with a Christmas surprise. We hope you will not be bothered now with learning the "summary of road rules for safe driving for the highway." When you were told at the reception during the banquet that you are entitled to a motorized wheel chair, you lost your speech! All of us lost something, too; tears, the kind of tears that melt the heart with humility and contentment.

Dear Karen, you received a souvenir from your brothers and sisters from the college where you were guided and they, in turn, will not soon forget that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

As this year draws to a close, the whole student body and the staff members of Union College want to say to you and to your devoted mother, "Thank you for coming to us. The Lord bless you abundantly from day to day as the years go by." Soon we shall admire in Heaven your crown of glory, Karen. In the meantime allow us to sing with you, "My Heavenly Father watches over me."

Little Jewels

Gregory Scott, born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bietz (Jean Stevens) on December 5. Weight: 7 lbs., 12 oz.

Martin Randall, born to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Knight (Nanette White), on December 9. Weight: 6 lbs. 8 oz.

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Late Again!

Here I am, late again! Oh well, what's the difference? It's happened before."

Is this your attitude? If it is, it is now time for you to take a soul-searching look at yourself. If you are late for appointments in school

and elsewhere, the habit may become so engrained in your life that someday you may miss an appointment with your Maker. Remember, promptness is not just a "sleep robber"; it is a virtue which will stand you in good stead.

Tom Harper

Merry Christmas from the Staff



A view of the senior party at Shirley Wasemillers home shows party fun with table games.

Classes Party at Parents' Home

JUNIORS

by Jim Petry

The Junior class party was held at the home of the Griffins. Games and other entertainment provided fun for all. We were held in suspense as Don Washburn, placing curious items on a table, gave us impersonations of several famous magicians. Mr. Morford came up with the knottiest game we had ever seen. He brought out a box full of sticks, joined together in pairs with string, and told us each to grab a stick. Of course the grabbing made knots in the string. The object of the game was to crawl through the knots and find the person at the other end of your string.

Our sponsors served cookies and ice cream topped with strawberries.

FRESHMEN

by John Klaren

On Saturday night, December 8, the UCA freshmen gathered at the home of Dean and Mrs. Monte Culver for an evening of fun. They began by playing a game, "Electricity." When all the class members had arrived, refreshments of popcorn balls, cookies, and apples were served.

The next game tested skill. It was played with peanuts and hatpins. The couple that stayed at the champions' table longest was Myrna Howe and John Klaren. This game concluded the evening's fun.

Teacher's Readers Give Surprise Party

When the Academy teachers were summoned to a meeting at the close of the session on Thursday afternoon, they left their duties and went promptly to the designated room. On arriving they learned that this "meeting" was a special party which had been planned by their readers, Betty Carlisle, Dorothy Craig, Nancy Howell, and Tom Harper.

SENIORS

by Dorothy Chase

Twelve Seniors attended their class party at Shirley Wasemillers home Saturday night.

The group spent part of the evening playing table games. Class sponsors, Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Wase-miller, and Mrs. Carlisle, served cake and punch for refreshments.

The boys then decided they needed some action so they went to the basement and had a rousing game of ping-pong. We closed the evening singing Christmas carols with Shirley Wase-miller at the organ and Betty Carlisle at the piano.

SOPHOMORES

by Joanne Allen

With Mr. and Mrs. George, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Briscoe, our leaders, we started our party with "How Do You Like Your Neighbor?" For the next game we divided into two teams and had relay races with lifesavers on toothpicks and beans on knives. Two of the boys made a costume out of the newspapers and pinned it on a girl. Lassie Bringle, Larry Rausten, Ann Hilde, and Bruce Cross were shown some eggs lying on the floor. They were then blindfolded. The object was to walk through the eggs without stepping on them. While they were being blindfolded, Mr. Anderson changed the eggs to crackers. When they stepped on the crackers, they sounded like egg shells being broken. When the blindfolds were removed, the couples were surprised to see crackers all over the floor. Several other games were played.

For the highlight of the evening we were served angel food cake with ice cream and hot chocolate.

Their "Merry Christmas to our bosses" message had been written on the blackboard. Chairs were in place, and a table had been arranged with serving dishes, a bowl of punch and a cake. The group spent the next hour sharing these refreshments and visiting.

After Graduation

Hilmer W. Bessel, '49, a technical advisor at the Naval Ordnance laboratories at Corona, California, spent a few hours on the campus recently while en route to New York City.

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Vernon J. Jester, '51, Assistant Business Manager at the college, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Vernon S. Dunn, '42 and '33, to Chicago last week on business. The Dungs will visit Southern Missionary College in Tennessee before returning to the college shortly before Christmas.

CT

Mrs. R. A. Nesmith, '24, accompanied her husband to the college recently to visit friends while Mr. Nesmith, '24, MV secretary of the Southwestern Union, attended an executive board meeting at the college.

CT

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hinton, both of '51, have been transferred to the Veteran's Hospital in Houston, Texas, from Johnson City, Tennessee. They began their work there December 3.

CT

Dr. and Mrs. Cadwallader (Dorothy Shull, '47) plan to spend the holidays in California, visiting at the home of Dr. Cadwallader's elderly mother.

CT

Coming to Lincoln for the holidays to visit at the homes of their parents will be Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Engen, '49, and '48; and Merlene Ogden, 50. All are members of the staff at Emmanuel Missionary College in Michigan.

Student Nurses Conduct Alamosa Regional Meeting

The Union College department of Nursing recently had charge of a regional meeting for a group of churches in south central Colorado to show how Union College nursing students are witnessing for their faith.

Five juniors of the clinical division—June Cornelsen, Alma Helt, Joyce Huisman, Phyllis Larsen, and Zerita Hagerman—and two department of Nursing faculty members, Miss Alice Smith and Mrs. Evelyn Bergman, traveled from Denver to Alamosa where a series of programs was presented based on the theme "Ye are my witnesses."

The students gave the Friday evening service, conducted the adult Sabbath School and told stories to the children's Sabbath School divisions. Miss Alice Smith gave the sermon at the morning worship service with the students conducting the remainder of the church service. In the afternoon the nursing students conducted the young people's program to show medical missionary work as a tool for Christian help work. The final program was a sundown worship service.

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Overheard--

South



by Dick Milholm

This is quite late news I very well realize, but it is just too good to bypass. When the Don Cossack Chorus was here in late November, David Erickson was seen getting autographs from the members of that singing group. Now that is all well and good, but you see, David, President Hartman isn't a member of that organization. You amaze me, boy!

Harry Hartgrove made a very serious mistake last vacation, or was it? Harry, wanting to study at home, accidentally took the prof's desk copy textbook with him. Professor Joice was quite content with Harry's text however.

I know that it's leap year and being engaged is a fad, but really, girls, this is becoming ridiculous. Marlyn Cline (an old classmate) even went so far as to take the big step last week and join in wedlock to Gerry Engstrom. Much success to them from the gang at South hall.

After much thought, research, and study, our favorite sayings were compiled into one massive mess. Now these are tabulated in the list you are about to observe. Taking top places in the expressions are: "eat a bug," "oh, me," "hold it," and sorry to say, "sad day." The sayings that this columnist picks for next week's hits are: "You amaze me, boy," "It takes superior brain power," and "Get that determined look."

A recent visitor on the campus was Ted Kilty, the organ and piano teacher at Campion Academy. He brought a few Campionites, future Unionites, we hope, out to the college.

The yule season is here again, as anyone on the campus can tell, because Mel Schultz has gone and done it again. Every Christmas season Mel paints a glorious picture on his room window portraying a season's greetings. We're certainly glad to see him put his talent to use.

Kappa Theta's banquet, decorated in a Christmas theme, was deeply appreciated by Sigma Iota Kappa last Monday evening. One of the high lights of the evening was when Bob Rentfro, president of SIK, and Verlene Nesmith, president of KT, presented Karen Hennig with a gift certificate for a motorized wheel chair. On of the less serious high lights was a reading by Sally Saturley which exposed the most confidential information on eligible bachelors. We'll probably never know where, how, or why she received the information she did.

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Today, as we bring our studies for 1956 to a close and prepare to journey homeward to spend the rest of this joyous holiday season with our loved ones, let us be reminded again of the true meaning behind this festive occasion.

The spirit of friendship and fellowship seems to reach its climax here at the end of the year and as a grand finale we look back with happy memories and forward with anticipation of new and better things to come.

So with memories behind us and a new year in front, we of the CLOCK TOWER staff want to express our simple but enthusiastic greeting for the future by extending best wishes for the Christmas season and for a wonderful new year. "May God bless you, everyone."



Pastor's Christmas Message

Try to put down on paper what Christmas means to you! I've been at it for three days and honestly, I'll confess I'm having a hard time. Please don't make an Old Ebenezer Scrooge of me. I like Christmas and all that goes with it. Snow and bells. Carols and presents. Good fellowship, house full of company, the Bethlehem story. These I enjoy and believe in. Still this doesn't really make Christmas. There must be a deeper significance to this time of year, more than the mere enjoyment of these heralds of the season.

Bear with me while I search my own heart and find that Christmas does mean something very wonderful and lasting.

I want to believe that Christmas will do three things for me this year. First it shall turn my mind toward Christ and there discover the power of faith. I want to have greater faith in His word. Faith to believe what God has promised He is able to perform. I need a greater faith in God's plan to save men and faith enough to put it in operation for my next door neighbor or the man who lives across the back yard fence. I need faith to believe that God has the destiny of the nations in His hands—and mine too!

I need faith enough to keep me from whining and whimpering. An enabling faith that gives a certain ring to my voice when I declare, "All things work together for good to them that love God." I must have a faith that can endure weariness, hunger and delay. Christmas can bring me this spiritual blessing if I'm willing.

Christmas must secondly bring me to discover in Christ a new power of His love. God so loved the world that He gave. I need to discover a new meaning of that love and allow it to fill my own life, driving out the selfishness that lurks so dangerously at the center of all my actions.

I must not be moved to a wrong course of action because others are prompted by pride, selfishness, or greed. Love must be the power in my life to give of myself without hesitation, without reserve. "Love never faileth."

The third thing I expect Christmas, this Christmas, to do for me is to direct my attention to Christ and his directive "Go, ye into all the world." There's too much lip service in my practice of Christianity. Too often I have said to the Lord, "I go, but not just now."

Christ found time to do the will of His Father always. There was an urgency in His ministry for those about Him. He wasn't in a frenzied hurry that kept Him from stopping on the way to an appointment to give unexpected aid to the lame, the blind or the deaf. But he moved quickly and surely from one multitude to another never getting bogged down with frustrating details. Thus Jesus finished the work He was given to do and finished it on time. I want a new urgency to lift me from the deadly routine of ordinary planning and success to the magnificent heights of planning and doing for God what must be done, in the time we have left in which to do it.

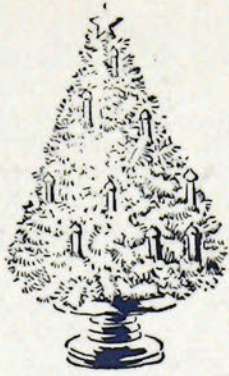
This is what Christmas must do for me this year. It must bring me faith, love and time enough to put them to work for the cause of God. What does Christmas mean to you?

M. W. Deming

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Public Opinion

Dear Editors:

Perhaps I should remain silent, but since quite a few persons talk to me, I feel it's only fair to pass the word along to you.

Understand that it makes little difference to me how nominations are made and elections held, but the general opinion here on the campus seems to be "United States is democratic, why isn't Union College?" We rebel at the idea of holding so-called free elections behind the iron curtain when there is a specified person already picked for the job; yet some here feel that is what is being done at Union College.

The fact that recent uprisings in iron curtain countries were inspired by college youth seems only to have added to our fires here.

I don't know by what margins the recent candidates were "referred," but the big brag I hear is that the next name put on that type of ballot will have a larger "referred" margin.

I took the matter up with some faculty members after the first election and my findings were these:

A. Perhaps the nominating committee's functions had not been thoroughly explained when they were nominated.

B. Putting a choice of names would make those in charge have to screen a lot more names and

C. The person who lost would feel badly with a double ballot. When I tried to pass these reasons on, I hit this snag. "Isn't the committee supposed to screen all names anyway in order to get the best?" and "Wouldn't a person feel worse being "referred" than if he rightfully lost to a competitor?" I couldn't answer these.

In the recent CLOCK TOWER there was a remark that really heckled some people by calling them "children" or a "problem child." This is causing many to ask just who is the problem child, students or others? They add, "all we ask for is democracy, not despotism or dictatorship."

I have been asked who the ring leaders of this feeling are. I don't know. It seems fairly well mixed in all groups. Some hesitate to answer your request for letters, feeling that it is only a means by which the administration can obtain names of those who write and prosecute them in some way.

This letter does not altogether show my views. However, I am glad that I live in a democracy called USA, and I do wish as a Christian school within that democracy we were more in unity.

Kyle L. Grant

Editor's Note: It should be clearly understood that the name of anyone writing a letter to the Clock Tower need not be published if that person does not desire it so. Neither will that name be revealed to anyone without the writer's consent. It is essential that letters be signed, however, so that we may refer directly to you if any question should arise.

UNION AT THE ALTAR

LaVerne McClatchy	Montrose, Colorado	November 18	Paul Voth
Wanda Versaw	Lincoln, Nebraska	November 28	Donald Krein
Glenda Gerrard	Lincoln, Nebraska	December 3	Lloyd Horst
Geraldine Engstrom	Lincoln, Nebraska	December 8	Marilyn Cline
Myrna Wiltse	Lincoln, Nebraska	December 16	Arthur Huff

By the Way

with Loren Dickinson

Timely Touch

If there needed to be a keynote to forthcoming holiday festivities, Kappa Theta left little to be desired on a Monday eve of last week in a genuinely captivating formal (semi) event. From the delightful dinner to lovely decorations, bouquets to bachelors, (the latter responsible for both, in most cases) dues-paying co-eds drew from out their social shell more than a few lads who, in 12 previous weeks, hadn't had the chance or at least didn't take it. And so we conclude that in a final attempt to salvage what is left of it, local lasses duly bade adieu to another leap year, content to concede, (and all together on the chorus now)—"what will be, will be."

Soviet Sampsons Steal Sessions

Like what happened the other day in Melborne. . . Gold medals for Americans were pouring in, by the armload, followed too closely by cold war rival, the U.S.S.R. Then the comrades, in a surge of collective effort, pulled a front of the red, white, and blew, and a day later, Russia smuggly began packing up for home, the Olympic title sealed securely at the bottom of the luggage marked Laurels.

De Emphasis is De Word

Another word on sports, you heard of the college president who had to remind his ambitious faculty that just because the football team

had lost two straight, that this was no reason to overemphasize education.

Pre-Christmas Shoppers

From Oakwood and points south comes word from intercollegiate workshopers that only positive was this year's reception, sessions, and results. (Reports of the same under official guise appear on page one of this here edition). Official rumor has it that most casual was the entire trip, coming, going, and there.

Inevitable Rush

And so today jubilant collegiates the nation over begin another of those "I can hardly wait" seasons. We never fail to remind you that you'll hardly have time to pick up a CT downstairs much less get to page four.

Prayer of the year

Usually, in the year's finale, we name Personalities of the Year; there have been many who might qualify in a host of anonymous titles. But lest we depart in haste, sufficient it might be to add The Prayer of the Year. Just this: "When wrong, make us easy to change; when right, make us easy to live with."

From Us to You

Til next year then, (and please, don't forget to come back) here's wishing you and yours luck, success, and happiness — and time enough to enjoy them.

Latent Lingo

by Edsey

★ Returning delegates from the seventh annual Intercollegiate workshop, described on page one of this issue, have brought with them many new ideas on many things, some of which are problems and some of which are not. At any rate the wealth of material discussed and considered at the workshop should provide some ideas to decision making groups in the future by furnishing them with the experience of like groups in some of the other denominational schools.

★ Particularly outstanding among the comments of the workshop delegation from Union are the expressions of the wonderful hospitality shown the visitors by our sister school in the sunny Southland. Also high on the list of statements is the one about the excellent fellowship which, though it already existed, was furthered considerably by the week's association together. 'Tis truly a gratifying feeling to be part of one of the student bodies that despite the tremendous geographical separation are so closely united in their basic ideas, purposes and objectives. A sincere thank you goes from this writer to Oakwood College, its student movement and to all the delegates who helped to make the workshop so successful.

★ Seems as if the Christmas season has crept upon us despite our anticipation of it and now that it has us firmly encircled in its midst. The fine contributions made by the various musical groups are certainly a welcome addition to the holiday spirit. The student produced and directed TV program the past week gave many a real insight into what can be done by a group of students that are really interested in doing something worthwhile. Also outstanding was the *Messiah*

put on under the direction of the music department again this year after its absence on the calendar last year. The harmony with which five separate musical groups concentrated and combined their efforts was indeed a compliment to each organization.

★ It would seem that immediately before the presentation of the *Messiah* last Friday evening was hardly the time or place to collect food baskets for the needy. Such actions are indeed worthy and fine in their proper place, and the collection of such items at Thanksgiving was truly a wonderful gesture on the part of students and community members alike. But as for last Friday evening, surely the musical production itself was sufficiently important enough as to not be preceded by a call for a mass evacuation of the audience to the food baskets in the front of the auditorium. Apparently many of the audience felt likewise if any conclusions can be reached by their lack of response. And then a second offering was taken on top of it all. Just wonder if many of the outside visitors also didn't feel as if we were somewhat overdoing a good thing.

Poll Indicates Change Desired

During the past week, a poll was taken of students and faculty to determine to some extent what the student body of Union College favored in the way of elections. Of 108 students polled, 50 were girls, 58 boys; 20 village, and 88 dormitory students.

Those in favor of dual slate — 34
Those in favor of single slate — 10
Those in favor of a combination — 55
No preference — 8

In the case of #3 above, it was found that there were two types of combinations favored and most of those stating preference for this type seemed to want both combinations. These are 1) Inclusion of a referral column on a dual slate ballot. 2) A combination where some offices were elected by dual ballot, some by single. Most seemed to lean toward the more important offices being filled by dual ballot. However, there was some division of opinion and at least one suggestion was that the more important offices be single ballot and the lesser offices be dual.



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